

St Giles-on-the-Heath Primary School

Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Newsletter No. 2 Autumn Term

Dear Families,

I am so pleased to see the children coming into school happily and aiming high in all their lessons. We are privileged to see the children at work and play and we always like to have opportunities for you to do the same.

We will be having open class sessions for each class, where you will be able to come into the classroom, have a look at your child's books and the work they have done so far. After this, there will be a presentation from the Class 1, 2 and 3 teachers regarding the curriculum, expectations including home-learning and practical information for the year. In the FSU, the meeting will focus on the teaching of phonics and reading.

The Open Class will be from 2:15 – 2:45 and the presentation will be 2:45 – 3:15 on the following days. You will be able to take your children once the presentation is over. We appreciate that parents may be working at these times but, after careful consideration, we felt that this will allow us to look after the school children so you can focus in the meeting.

Class 1 Monday 5th October

FSU Wednesday 7th October

Class 2 Thursday 8th October

Class 3 Tuesday 13th October

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is an extremely important festival for us as it celebrates our agricultural community and what our farming families contribute to our society. We warmly welcome parents and carers to attend our Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 23rd October at 9:15 am and it will be repeated at 2:30 pm. Nearer the time, we will be asking you to select which assembly you would like to attend, as our hall is small and we want to safely accommodate as many families as possible.

We will be collecting for Launceston Food Bank so please donate non-perishable foods and hygiene products in the last week before half-term.

October 5th

Class 1 – Open class

October 7th

FSU Open Class

2:15pm

October 8th

Class 2 – Open Class

2:15pm

October 13th

Class 3 – Open Class

2:15pm

October 17th

FPTA Quiz Night

October 23rd

Harvest Festival

Assembly 9:15 am

and 2:30 pm

October 26th – 30th

Half Term

November 2nd

Non Pupil Day

Pupil Ambassadors

Pupil Ambassadors play an important role in helping to make our school a positive, welcoming and successful place for everyone. They act as role models, demonstrating our school values through their actions, attitudes and behaviour. Ambassadors have the opportunity to develop their confidence, communication and leadership skills while representing the views of their peers and supporting key areas of school life. By taking on these responsibilities, pupils help to strengthen our school community and make a real difference to the experiences of others.

Teachers will be talking to the children about the available roles and we wanted to share this with parents so you can support your child in applying for a role, if they wish to. Of course, not everyone who applies for a role will be successful and we support the children with being resilient and praise them for aiming high and putting themselves forward.

We have the following roles available:

Librarians for our School Library

We are looking for pupils in Year 4 to 6 who would like to be pupil librarians at school.

The pupils we are looking for:

- like talking about books with other people and finding out what they like to read;
- enjoy reading all sorts of books;
- would enjoy tidying and organising and know how to look after books;
- are able to work on their own or as part of a team.

The job will involve:

- helping school adults with sorting and tidying the books;
- thinking of ideas that inspire other people in the school to want to read;
- helping to run book clubs and assemblies promoting a love of reading;
- Being responsible for choosing new books for the library.

If you are interested, please write a letter to Miss Shinn explaining why you would be good at this job by Monday 5th October. There will be an interview with Miss Shinn. We look forward to having you on the library team!

Digital Leaders

We are looking for pupils in Year 4 to 6 who would like to be Digital Leaders at school.

Digital Leaders help our school use technology safely and successfully. They support with technology in lessons, including helping other classes when needed. They carry out questionnaires to find out which games children are playing now, so our internet safety talks stay relevant. They also deliver assemblies on internet safety to pupils across the school. Digital Leaders must be responsible, confident and helpful. They should communicate clearly, work well in a team and listen carefully to others. They may also take part in meetings with the wider Federation and other DISP schools, sharing ideas and good practice.

If you are interested, please write a letter to Miss Davey & Miss Britton, explaining why you would be good at this job by Monday 5th October. There will be an interview with Miss Davey & Miss Shinn. We look forward to working together to promote a safer on-line world.

Sustainability Ambassador

We are looking for pupils in Year 4 to 6 who would like to be Sustainability Ambassadors Leaders at school.

As a Sustainability Ambassador, you will help our school become a greener, more environmentally friendly place. You will encourage pupils and staff to reduce waste, recycle responsibly, save energy and care for our outdoor environment. Working with other ambassadors and adults in school, you will share ideas, lead campaigns and promote sustainable practices through assemblies, events and classroom activities. This role is ideal for pupils who are passionate about protecting the planet, enjoy working with others and want to inspire positive change within our school community. They may also take part in meetings with the wider Federation and other DISP schools, sharing ideas and good practice.

If you are interested, please write a letter to Ms McLean-Thorne, explaining why you would be good at this job by Monday 5th October. There will be an interview for this role. Good luck and we look forward to working with you to take care of our environment.

School Councillor

We are looking for pupils in Year 2 to 6 who would like to be School Councillors

As a School Councillor, you will represent the views and ideas of pupils across the school and help make positive improvements for everyone. You will attend School Council meetings, listen to the opinions of your classmates and share their suggestions with school leaders. Working as part of a team, you will help plan events, discuss important school matters and contribute to decisions that support our school community. This role is ideal for pupils who are responsible, confident communicators (or want to develop their communication), good listeners and keen to make a difference in school. There may be opportunities to meet with the wider Federation or DISP schools.

If you are interested, please write a short speech, explaining why you would be good at this job and why your classmates should vote for you by Monday 5th October. There will be hustings, which means you will deliver your speech to your classmates and they will then vote for who will represent them. Good luck! By taking part, you are helping us practice the British Value of Democracy.

House System

We will be talking to the children about introducing House system which will involve having two Houses. Introducing a house system is a fantastic way to strengthen the sense of community within our school. By bringing children together in mixed-age teams, pupils develop teamwork, leadership, and a sense of belonging while building friendships across year groups. Through earning house points and taking part in a variety of competitions and events, children are encouraged to work towards our school motto and Carey Qualities. A house system also provides opportunities to celebrate a wide range of achievements, helping every child feel valued and proud to contribute to their house and the wider school community.

Children will be invited to suggest names for the Houses and we hope to have this in place by half term. There will then be further leadership opportunities for Year 6 children to put themselves forward for House Captains once the Houses are in place.

Medical Information

In order to have the latest medical information about the children, including allergies, we ask all parents to complete this form. Even if you have already told us about your child's medical condition or if your child doesn't have one, please complete the form

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wEBqfw6AX9>

Kind Donations

We have been very kindly donated some cricket equipment to use during PE lessons from Faye Dymond who has been so proactive in gaining this for us through a grant.

In addition, the FPTA have donated gardening tools for the children to use.

Thank you so much for these, the children will really benefit from having these in school.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

Useful Links

School Contact

Details

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Website: [St Giles On The Heath Primary School – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](http://StGilesOnTheHeathPrimarySchool-HalwillandAshwaterPrimarySchools)

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the safeguarding team or email safeguarding@halwill.devon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Ruh Alford

Deputy Safeguarding Leads Miss Jayne Miners

Mrs Rosie Cawsey

Term Dates

These are on our website:

[Term Dates – Halwill and Ashwater Primary Schools](#)

FPTA News

Our first event of the school year is QUIZ NIGHT!!! ? ? ? ?

Please support us by getting together with friends or family and entering a team for a fun filled night.

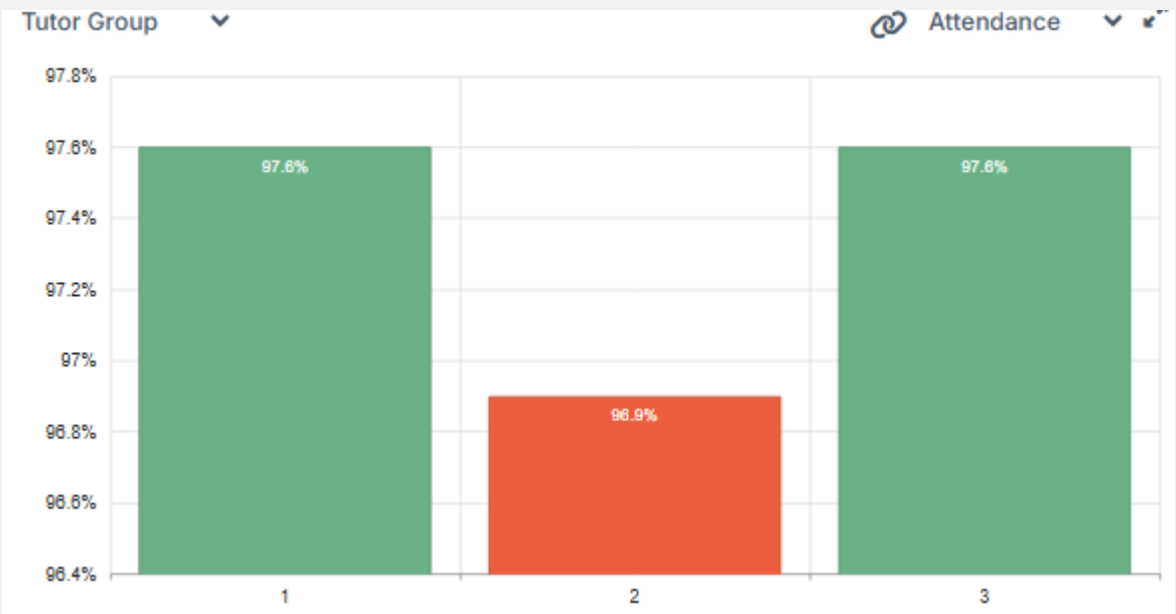
Booking in advance is required. Please contact either Kayleigh Walker or Debbie Bryant to book.

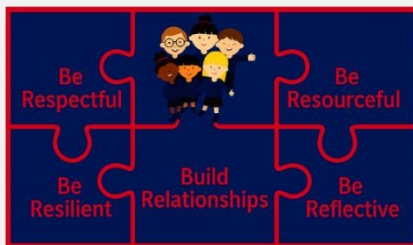
Halloween disco details for children coming soon...👻 (23rd Oct)



Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last 7 days is 97.4%





The Carey Qualities

We **Build Relationships** by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each week children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. The following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.

For building Relationship	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Sam – Class 1 Skye Class 2	Paige – FSU Alfie – Class 1 Nate – Class 2 Edith – Class 3	Alice - FSU	Kobe – Class 3	Bea – Class 1